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REMARKS

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1. At 5 a.m. on 13 April 1953, 6 JS-2 tanks, 4 x 57-mm AT guns, 10 trucks and about 180 troops 25X1

wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank or artillery insignia were detained in Weisswasser. The shipment had come from the direction of Cottbus, and subsequently left toward Nochten.¹

2. On 12 April, 18 T-34 tanks, 15 JS-2 tanks and armored scout car were entrained at the Dresden-Klotzsche railroad station. The materiel had come from the Hermann Goering Kaserne.² 25X1

3. At about 3 p.m. on 18 April, an undetermined number of T-34/85 tanks, 1 tank hull, truck carrying ammunition, truck carrying billeting equipment, and about 200 troops were unloaded from 18 railroad cars at the Forst Zinna railroad station. The shipment had come from the direction of Jueterbog and, after detraining, left toward the troop training grounds. At about 5 p.m. on 18 April, an undetermined number of T-34/85 tanks, 1 tank hull, 3 trucks loaded with billeting equipment, 2 tank trucks, 1 jeep, 3 trucks towing 37-mm AA guns, tank truck were unloaded from 17 railroad cars, and an undetermined number of trucks carrying billeting equipment and about 300 troops were unloaded from 15 railroad cars, at the Forst Zinna railroad station. The shipments had arrived from the direction of Jueterbog and left toward the troop training grounds.³ 25X1

4. On 17 April, 54 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets, 20 trucks, 6 x 37-mm AA guns, and sedans from the Flak Kaserne were entrained in Weimar. On 17 April, 7 boxcars with troops and equipment and 20 trucks were seen at the Eiserna Bruecke (iron bridge), en route toward Erfurt. On 19 April, 2 trucks from the Tannenberg Kaserne were entrained in Weimar. Forty 25X1

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railroad cars were assembled at the station. Trucks [redacted] hauled
 billeting equipment to the loading ramp. On 19 April, 40 railroad
 cars, carrying an undetermined number of 37-mm AA guns and trucks
 [redacted] were seen at the Eiserne Bruecke, en route
 toward Erfurt; and a train, carrying 20 x 122-mm howitzers and 20
 trucks [redacted] and including 15 boxcars, occupied by
 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets, and 10 boxcars loaded
 with billeting equipment, was seen there en route toward Erfurt
 on 20 April.⁴

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1. [redacted] Comment. [redacted] detraining of a
 firing detail of the 80th Gds Hv Tank SP Regt of the 9th Mecz Div from
 Spremberg. [redacted]

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2. [redacted] Comment. The information on this ^{en}training supplements the available
 information [redacted] on the transfer of the 11th Gds Tank
 Div to Koenigsbrueck. [redacted] As
 the entraining of elements of the 40th Gds Tank Regt observed in Klotzsche
 was confirmed [redacted]
 this regiment is believed organized as follows: two medium
 tank battalions [redacted] one heavy tank
 battalion [redacted]

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3. [redacted] Comment. [redacted] the two medium tank
 battalions of the 52d Gds Tank Regt of the 6th Gds Tank Div stationed in
 the Flak Kaserne in Wittenberg were being detrained. [redacted]

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4. [redacted] Comment. [redacted] the entraining
 of the 20th Gds Mecz Div in Weimar, presumably for Ohrdruf, started on
 15 April 1953. [redacted] From the shipments mentioned,
 only the AAA shipment on 17 April and the artillery shipment on 20 April
 are believed to be shipments of the 20th Gds Mecz Div. The motor vehicle
 [redacted] observed on 19 April belong to army troops of the Eighth Gds Army.

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